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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Delays Expected for July 4th Holiday Weekends Throughout Shasta County

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 warns holiday travelers to prepare for moderate to major delays due to construction projects throughout Shasta County.

Motorists heading north of Redding on Interstate 5 will experience traffic backups at the Pit River Bridge over Shasta Lake. Peak delays expected, northbound Saturday, June 30, of 20 to 60 minutes and southbound Sunday, July 8, of 20 to 90 minutes. Bridge Deck replacement work has traffic down to one lane in each direction and the speed limit lowered to 45 MPH.

*Estimates of peak time delays at bridge:

Saturday, June 30, 2007

- NB I-5: Peak 11:00AM – 7:00PM, 20 to 60 minutes

Sunday, July 1, 2007

- NB I-5: Peak 12:30PM – 4:30PM, 15 to 30 minutes
- SB I-5: Peak 3:00PM – 7:30PM, 10 to 25 minutes

Saturday, July 7, 2007

- NB I-5: Peak 12:30PM – 2:30PM, 5 to 10 minutes

Sunday, July 8, 2007

- SB I-5: Peak Noon – 11:30PM, 20 to 90 minutes

Conditions do not allow for opening additional lanes and Caltrans asks motorists to be patient, plan extra time to reach their destinations and choose off-peak times to travel.

Caltrans will use changeable message signs, highway advisory radio and the internet, at www.caltrans2.info to inform motorists of delay times and backups. Travelers can also get real time updated information by calling the Pit River bridge hotline at 530-225-3054.

The California Highway Patrol will be enforcing speed limits and a service patrol contractor will be available to keep traffic flowing. The contractor can assist overheated vehicles with water, supply gasoline and/or tow disabled vehicles out of the roadway to keep traffic flowing.

State Route (SR) 44 at Dersch is closed to through traffic until July 12. Motorist traveling between Palo Cedro and Shingletown must detour via Deschutes Road and Dersch Road. Caltrans suggests adding an extra 15 minutes to your commute.

The Fountain Curve Safety Project on SR 299 near Round Mountain, is currently under one-way traffic control with pilot car 24 hrs per day. Motorist should expect delays of 10 to 20 minutes.

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Cayton Creek Rehabilitation Project, approximately 20 miles of SR 89, just north of Lake Britton is under construction. Current conditions with one-way traffic control and pilot car have construction delays at 30 minutes.

What to do to make your trip more comfortable:

- Make sure your vehicle is in good working order, with a full tank of gas before starting your trip.
- Choose off peak times to travel and/or alternate routes.
- Bring along plenty of drinking water, snacks and something to occupy any children traveling with you.
- Charge your cell phone battery.
- Inform others of your planned destination, and let them know when you have arrived.

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